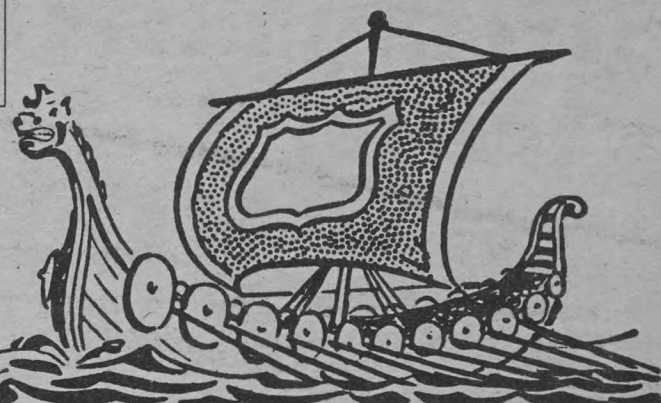




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SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE'S 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON FRIDAY, JUNE 21st

DANISH PAINTING PRESENTATION

Gala Affair Planned at Centre

When the Danish Ambassador to Canada was in Edmonton for a Carlsberg Reception in early 1973, he announced to the gathering that a Carlsberg Memorial Fund was going to commission a well-known Danish artist, Victor Brockdorff, to paint a specially commissioned painting of Frederiksborg Castle to be presented to the Danish Society of Edmonton.

In turn, the Danish Society in Edmonton was to work closely with the City of Edmonton to determine the most appropriate setting for the painting.

For the past few months, negotiations have been going on, and after a decision was made as

Knud Holm-Pedersen, Danish Consul, of Edmonton
Ivor Dent, Mayor of the City of Edmonton

Other guests included:

Mrs. K. Holm-Pedersen; Allan Sorensen, President of the Danish Society of Edmonton, "Dania";

Harvey Haugen, President of the Scandinavian Centre; Vera and Tom Nielsen of "Dania"; Robert Bazley, Provincial General Sales Manager of Carling O'Keefe Ltd.; Roy McCormick, Provincial Sales Promotion Manager; representatives of the Edmonton Centennial Library; and other interested people.

Mr. A. J. Fitzgerald gave some background information as to the connection between Carling O'Keefe Ltd. and the Carlsberg Breweries in Copenhagen; how the Carlsberg Breweries had donated monies for the restoration of the

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Danish Consul Knud Holm-Pedersen points out something on Frederiksborg Castle after presenting the painting to Mayor Ivor Dent for the citizens of Edmonton.

to where this painting would be hung. Carling O'Keefe Ltd. arranged a smorgasbord supper at their reception lounge at the brewery at 10542 Saskatchewan Dr. in Edmonton, to entertain guests for the official presentation of the painting.

The speakers were:

A. J. Fitzgerald, Provincial Manager of Carling O'Keefe Breweries, from Calgary
Ib Nielsen, Provincial Director of Quality Control, Carling O'Keefe Ltd., from Calgary

The Death of William G. (Bill) Halldorson of 13527 - 115 Ave., Edmonton on Wed., May 29, is deeply regretted.

(See next issue for
details.)

On Friday, June 21, 1974, at 7:00 p.m., the party begins! We shall celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Scandinavian Centre. We hope there will be a sellout party, and it will be good to see you all there.

This year we are having the crowning of our Scandinavian Centre Queen as well on that evening, so act NOW and get your tickets. Please see ad under the Bulletin Board in this paper.

Tickets are NOW on sale from the following people:
Scandinavian Centre — 455-4355
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Pete Nielsen — 436-4109

Centre Opened June 20, 1964

June 20, 1974, marks the 10th anniversary of the completion and opening of the Scandinavian Centre at 14220 - 125 Ave., Edmonton. Many events preceded this occasion in 1964.

In 1953, three very energetic men were broadcasting a well-received Scandinavian Hour over Radio Station CKUA every Sunday afternoon. They were Mr. Oivind Madsen, Mr. Erik Pedersen and Mr. Ernst Almerling.

(Erik Pedersen is the only one of the three still carrying on The Scandinavian Hour program and it is heard only every second Sunday now. Oivind Madsen retired and returned to Norway, and Ernst Almerling retired to Vancouver.)

The three original men developed an IDEA. What was this idea? Simply that Scandinavians should bond together to provide for themselves a meeting place. They met at the home of Mr. Sverre Madsen to discuss the idea further. To get things moving they decided to ask each Nordic group to send two representatives to a joint meeting.

This was done, and the representatives met on Oct. 4, 1953, at the Y.M.C.A. in downtown

Edmonton. It was an historic meeting for it marked the beginning of what was to become The Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Ltd., commonly known as "The Scandinavian Centre".

Mr. Sigurd A. Sorensen presided over the first meeting and Mrs. Margaret Eliasson recorded the first minutes. Each of the following assumed responsibilities of probing further into the dream of a Scandinavian Centre:

Mons Eliasson, Jorgen Glerup, S. Hadvick, Arne Johannessen, Henry Logan, O. S. Franzen, Schang Halberg, V. Cederquist, Chris Bendsen, Ernst Almerling, Erik Pedersen, Oivind Madsen and Ingjald Dalflyen.

Although each phase in the development of the Scandinavian Centre has a long history and involves many people, the following outline is a brief story.

March 20, 1954

First Annual Scandinavian Night — South Side Legion.

April 28, 1954

The Scandinavian Centre incorporated under the Co-operative Act of the Province of Alberta.

July 25, 1954

First Annual Scandinavian Day — Elk Island Park.

July 29, 1954

The First Annual General Meeting of Shareholders — Y.M.C.A.

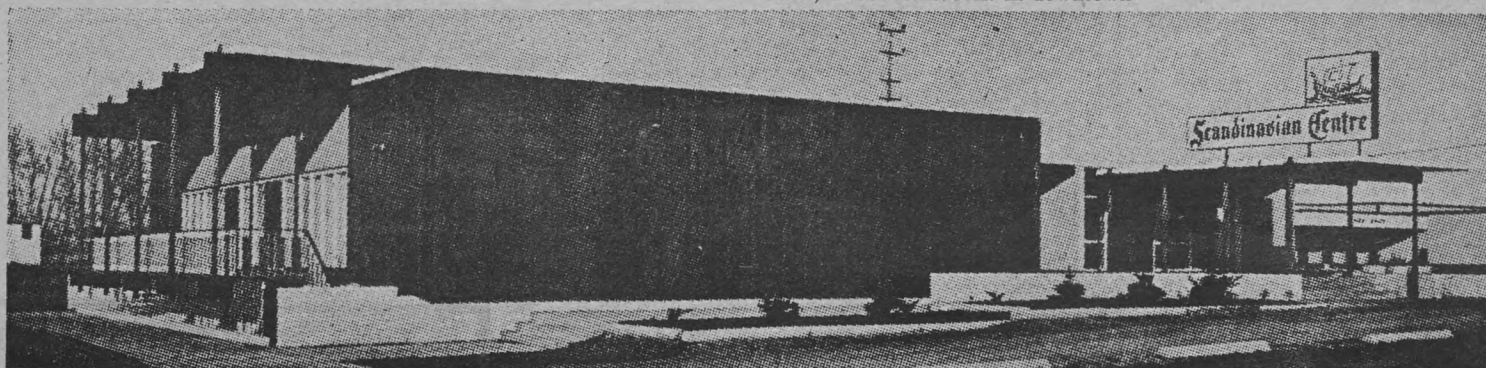
November 1, 1958

The First Scandinavian Centre News was published.

June 22, 1962

The First Chartered Flight to Scandinavia.

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SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Anne Sahuri

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE

The first formal meeting held in connection with what we now know as the Scandinavian Centre was held on Oct. 4, 1953, and those present comprised what was then called "The Scandinavian Hall Committee". In reviewing the minutes of the meetings held during that first formative year, one sees such names as these:

Sigurd A. Sorenson	M. N. Eliasson	Mrs. M. Eliasson
S. G. Hallberg	V. Cederquist	Eskil Carlson
S. Hadvick	E. Almerling	I. Dalflyen
O. S. Franzen	E. Pederson	E. Luhtala
Henry Logan	G. Algot	B. Pearson
S. Madsen	Arne Johannessen	J. Gleerup
C. Bendsen		

So, while 1974 sees the 10th Anniversary of the opening of our beautiful building, it took ten years of hard work and co-operative effort on the part of many enthusiastic members to bring our Centre into being, and it stands as a testimonial to their devotion.

The day of the grand opening of the Scandinavian Centre in 1964 was bright and sunny, and many hundreds of shareholders were present to tour the building and enjoy its pleasing Scandinavian decor; since that time it has been the rallying point for the five Scandinavian groups—Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

And this is the year of the Centre's 10th Anniversary . . . To celebrate we are holding a gala dinner and dance on June 21 (Friday), and we hope to see you all there.

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE QUEEN CONTEST

The highlight of the evening will be the final judging of the lovely young ladies competing for the honour of becoming Scandinavian Centre Queen for the coming year. The winner will be presented with a cash prize of \$200.00, while the first runner-up will receive \$50.00. Do come and let them entertain you.

COFFEE PARTY

A coffee party will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 9, for the initial judging of the Queen Contest, and it would be wonderful to have you drop in for a good cup of coffee and a bite to eat.

Remember — June 9 . . . Coffee Party at the Centre . . . and June 21 . . . 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. See the Bulletin Board for all the details. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE! □

“Syttende Mai” Parade

By Lois Halberg

Under sunny skies approximately 100 people paraded down Jasper Avenue to City Hall in the second annual “Syttende Mai” parade.

Sig and Selma Sorenson led the parade carrying the Banner. Knut Svidal drove the first car carrying Sons of Norway President Wally Broen, and Queen Greta Elgstrand. The second car was driven by Gary Johnson carrying Irene Hovde and Harv Haugen with the music. Following behind was Robert Burt carrying the Canadian flag, Magnar Bjorsvik the Norwegian flag, and Astrid Hope, the Sons of Norway flag.

Forty - seven pupils from Beatrice Huser's class at Windsor Park School carried homemade Norwegian flags. There were also two other teachers with pupils. Four City Police escorted the parade.

At City Hall, Wally Broen was Master of Ceremonies. Mayor Ivor Dent spoke of the Norwegian ethnic culture which contributed to the city, and added the parade should continue as an annual event.

The Proclamation was read by Mayor Dent, and Jim McDonald led in the singing of O Canada. The Flag was raised by Harv Haugen, at which time Irene Hovde and Magnar Bjorsvik sang Ja, Vi Elsker. The school children cheered — “Happy Independence Day — Happy 17th — Norway, Norway, Norway — Hurray, Hurray”. Following the ceremonies, Mayor Dent visited with the pupils—a delight to them all. □

A SPECIAL “MANGE TAK” FOR “SYTTENDE MAI” PARADERS

On behalf of the Sons of Norway Cultural Committee, we wish to thank all the members who came or helped with any of the official

functions of the “Syttende Mai” parade, May 17, 1974.

We appreciate also that members and children took leave of their work and school time to take part in the parade. A special thanks to Mrs. Beatrice Huser and fellow teachers who arranged to bring about 50 pupils from their Windsor Park Elementary School to come to march with us.

Cultural Committee
Mrs. Astrid Hope

Mrs. Doreen Melsness □

NORWAY'S CONSTITUTION DAY

May 17, Norway's Independence Day, celebrated to commemorate the adoption of the Norwegian Constitution in 1814, was observed in Norway with children's parades—the Norwegian flag waving in the hands of thousands of excited children. The day has been thus celebrated for generations.

Constitution Day was originally celebrated in a different manner. In the nation's capital, Oslo, the first observation of the day took place in 1824 in an atmosphere of undisguised disapproval of the Swedish-Norwegian king. Some years were to pass before Constitution Day became the great unifying national holiday which it is today. At an early stage there was dissension about the day, and Norway's modern history is full of bitter controversy about the Constitution itself, of efforts to change it and of disagreement as to the interpretation of its contents.

But Norwegians have never disagreed about the essential—the determination to keep Norway an independent country. The Con-

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STAN HAFSO
Newspaper Director

As Director of the paper, I would like to submit a few ideas to enable the shareholders to participate in letting the readers know how you enjoy the paper. This can be done by writing myself (Stan Hafso) at 11739 - 38A Ave., or Les Morris, Editor of the Scandinavian Centre News at No. 216, 11802 - 124 St., Edmonton.

If you have moved here from one of the Scandinavian countries, you may want to let the readers know where you reside, plus a little bit about yourself.

Who knows, you may have a friend living elsewhere who would be glad to know of your whereabouts as this paper is circulated throughout North America.

In order for the readers to enjoy the paper, we need your support through advertising or donations. We are thankful for

stitution spells it out, making emphatically clear that it shall always be so. The very first sentence declares that the Kingdom of Norway is “a free, independent, indivisible and inalienable realm”. Nor do Norwegians ever disagree about the equally essential provision: that Norway must have organs of government expressing the will of the people.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY OF 1814

The Constitutional Assembly met at Eidsvoll, 40 miles north of Oslo, from April 10 to May 20, 1814. On Constitution Day, Norwegians commemorate the men who had the maturity of mind and the strength of character needed to shape the destiny of their country. These men were often young in years. The father of the Constitution, Christian Magnus Falsen, only 31 years old in 1814, was filled with the ideas of the political storm centres of the time: the French Revolution and the American Revolution.

Documents, letters, proposals, good wishes and advice reached the Constitutional Assembly from the day it met on Easter Sunday, April 10, 1814, until the day it completed the task entrusted to it. Printed first among the documents contained in the appendix to the Assembly Protocol, there is a

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those who have already contributed by sending in words of appreciation and donations.

I am appealing to the Scandinavian businessmen to help support the paper by placing an ad of your choice on a regular monthly basis in the paper. Rates can be obtained by phoning Mr. Morris at 452-9474.

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Lois Halberg
COMING EVENTS
Sunday, June 16

St. Hans Fest, Scandinavian Centre.

The April 20th General Meeting was followed by an informal card party.

HIGH SCORE prizes went to Fred Nielsen and O. Dahl, while LOW SCORE prizes were presented to Orla Tychsen and Kris Nyhus.

The BOOBY PRIZE winners were Eleanor Anderson and Betty Anderson for a score of 1 (believe it or not).

The Ladies Sewing Group served a delightful lunch.

Mr. Rolf Olson, a city visitor from Vancouver, stopped in to see the Scandinavian Centre and made himself acquainted with the Sons of Norway group.

The Sons of Norway Bowling Banquet and Dance was held April 27 at the King Edward Hotel, climaxed another bowling season.

Seated at the head table were Nels and Isabelle Mjaatveit, Wally and Betty Broen and Ellsworth and Lois Halberg. A delicious smorgasbord was served.

Secretary Nels Mjaatveit and President Ellsworth Halberg presented trophies to the following:

HIGH TEAM SINGLE AND TRIPLE — Thor Berg's team, the "Thors".

LADIES' HIGH SINGLE AND TRIPLE — Pat Shinkewski, 341 and 756.

MEN'S HIGH SINGLE — Peter Hansen, 356.

MEN'S HIGH TRIPLE — Arne Gulbrandsen, 849.

WINNING TEAM—the "Trolls" — Lis Johansen, Pervy Rolf, Astrid Hope, Walter Meyer and Helge Nilson.

The "PETER HANSEN TROPHY" was presented to the "Trolls" by Peter Hansen.

SECOND PLACE team was Myrle Travis' "Northern Lights".

LADIES' HIGH AVERAGE was won by Isabelle Mjaatveit, 194.

MEN'S HIGH AVERAGE was won by Harry Mjaatveit, 218.

The "SONS OF NORWAY TROPHYS" were presented to Isabelle and Harry by Wally Broen. On behalf of the bowlers, Helge Nilson presented gifts to Nels Mjaatveit, who did a great job as secretary, to Ellsworth Halberg as president, and a baby lamp to Marilyn and Harry Mjaatveit.

By unanimous decision, Nels Mjaatveit is the 1974-75 Bowling Secretary, and Ellsworth Halberg, Bowling President.

A dance followed with excellent music provided by Vic Lillo. Spot prizes were won by Betty McKevitt and Jim McDonald, and Betty Travis and Walter Meyer. Sincere thanks to all from Nels and Ellsworth. See you back on the "lanes" in September.

Congratulations to Mr. Iver Venoasen who celebrated his 85th birthday April 30. On Sun, April 28, a gathering of family and friends, totaling 140, was held at the farm of Lois and Henry Venoasen at Millet. It was a wonderful day meeting old acquaintances from Veteran and Coronation Districts who attended.

Anne and Ole Vold, and Ragna

Sivertsen participated in the Norwegian May Day Celebrations held May 3 in Camrose.

Christopher Hale spent six weeks in Oslo, Norway, on research. There, his thesis on Norwegian Place Names was published. Weather report—"not too good"; room prices—low; food prices—up.

Karen Nasset is very happy to have studied in Norway. She now speaks, reads and writes in Norwegian. Karen's letters to Grandma Nasset are now written in Norwegian. There was very little snow this year in Norway, as a result, no skiing. The Energy Crisis limited the hot showers and travel was made by bus rather than by car. This crisis was lifted March 1. Karen and her class enjoyed a trip to Sweden. Karen finished her classes May 15. She will visit relatives in Honefoss before returning home July 8.

Lorraine and Bob Sorenson travelled by air to Vancouver for five days on a business trip. Sons, Sidney and Rodney, were at home with their grandparents, Selma and Sig Sorenson.

Irene and Lavern Sorgaard of LaGlace, Alta., were holidaying recently in Edmonton. They visited with Edna and Milo Holte of Sherwood Park, and Selma and Sig Sorenson.

Ellsworth Halberg was in Banff May 8 to 11 attending long hours of business meetings. The icing on the cake was an afternoon of skiing at Sunshine.

Ruth Hammerstad is in hospital after a fall. We are thinking of you, Ruth, and wish you a speedy recovery.

Sig Sorenson received word he is now the property owner of his grandfather's home. The property is located in the country 15 miles from Kristiansand, Norway.

GOLF TOURNAMENT—Anyone interested in entering the Golf Tournament to be held June 22 in Camrose, followed by a Barbecue and Dance, please call Ross Anderson in Camrose at 672-2785 as soon as possible.

The Sewing Club presented the Lodge with two enamelled Norwegian coffee pots for serving and a kettle.

May 11, Syttende Mai Banquet and Dance was a very enjoyable event. The tables were decorated in red, white and blue streamers, by Gladys Clark and Ragna Sivertsen.

Master of Ceremonies Anders Anderson introduced the following head table guests: Arne and Joy Johannessen, Knut and Rose Svidal, Harv and Betty Haugen, Wally and Betty Broen, Ragna Sivertsen, Richard Larson, Donna and Bill Buchanan, Anders and Eleanor Anderson.

Arne Johannessen, Norwegian Consul, spoke of the Norwegian Constitution and Norway's Independence day.

Knut Svidal, Supreme Director,

Norwegian Wedding

By Astrid Hope
S/N Cultural Director

A Norwegian country wedding is a picturesque and great event. Especially so is a traditional one where all the pomp and glory of century-old traditions are retained, with the beautifully embellished crown, the national costumes, the fiddle players, the folk dances, the "rosemaling" ale bowls passed from guest to guest, and all the other merriment planned to put the bridal couple on the launching pad for "eternal bliss". Otherwise, the everyday Norwegian courtship and wedding proceedings, especially those in cities, are like those in most other countries.

The timing is often as important

extended greetings from the Supreme Lodge.

Harv Haugen, Fourth District Director and President of the Scandinavian Centre, conveyed best wishes.

Betty Broen introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Donna Buchanan. Mrs. Buchanan is a librarian at the Capilano Library, and is a story teller on Radio Station CKUA. Mrs. Buchanan told many humorous Norwegian folk tales and spoke of their origin. She also read Norwegian poetry written 2,000 years ago on "Advice to the Vikings". Mrs. Buchanan's stories were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Another highlight of the evening was the crowning of Greta Elgstrand as Sons of Norway Queen by retiring Queen Darlene Melsness. Greta wore a Honefoss Bunard. The white collar means snow on the mountain top, the silver threads at the bottom means water. The flowers are all hand embroidered.

By special request, Darlene Melsness was called upon to sing. She chose the song, "Ave Maria".

The Torske Klubben Ladies made a presentation of an electric Underwood "Olivetti" typewriter to the Lodge.

Flowers from the head table were sent to Ruth Hammerstad.

A dance followed with music by the Golden Nuggets.

Betty and Wally Broen entertained with a family reunion on the May 18th weekend. Guest of honor was Wally's mother, Mrs. Emma Broen Wilcox, of Camrose, who celebrated her 75th birthday. A family dinner and dance was held at the church in Fulton Place.

Win and Olaf Dahl are spending three weeks vacationing in Spain and Scotland.

Astrid Hope enjoyed her trip to Vancouver attending the Saskatoon City Hospital Alumnae reunion. While there she visited her son, and enroute home she visited her sister, Mrs. Ed Sadar, in Kamloops.

Inge Anderson attended a Management Course held at the Banff Springs Hotel recently.

Magnor Bjorsvik, now residing in Vancouver, was in Edmonton for the long weekend.

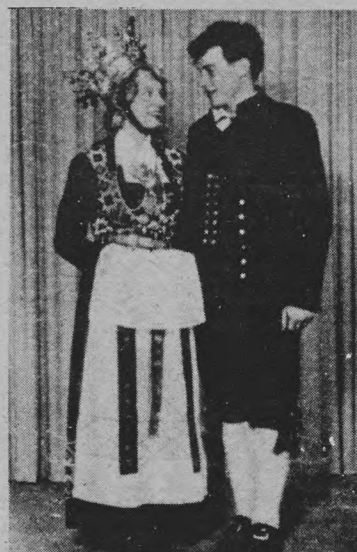
Helge and Lillian Nilson, travelling in their camper, left May 31 for a five-week holiday. They are off to discover Eastern Canada, with St. John, Newfoundland, their goal.

Gladys Clark will be the next correspondent. If you have any news to report, please phone her at 455-5371.

as the wedding itself. No marriage could take place six weeks before or during Christmas or Easter. For many reasons, the early days of June were practical, as well as romantic, and the most popular for nuptials. Midsummer was most convenient, nature at its prettiest, everything was perfect for such a social event as a wedding, and enjoy it they did!

At "St. Hans Fest"—June 23 (Midsummer)—haymaking begins, and from then on there is no time for festivities. Least favored was the fall after the frost had set in. No girl wanted to be labelled a "frosty bride".

Much preparation goes into a wedding—one of the high spots of the year for the peasant population. Like with Christmas, the house was scoured and ale was being brewed,



A traditional Norwegian wedding from Hardanger district.

but even more so for a wedding. It can be lavish or low-budget, can last three to seven days, according to their finances. Oxen, lambs, pigs, chickens are prepared in enormous kettles. There are hundreds of loaves of bread besides "flatbrød", cakes and cookies being baked.

The wedding customs vary with social position, location—each fjord, each valley guarding its own custom. The Hardanger Valley has an outstanding tradition, probably dating back to the days of the ancient Vikings, with the bride coming to the wedding ceremony by horseback; yet the most popular way is by boat.

In Hardanger, the bride wears the beautiful holiday costume—a white, exquisitely embroidered shirt, red waist with a beaded breast cloth, black skirt trimmed

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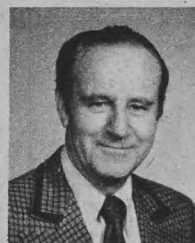
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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Les Greenham

Thorey (Vigfusson) Greenham

New Icelandic Fjallkona

You are probably going to read some unnecessary accolades that maybe shouldn't be in this column, however, as you read on I am sure that the majority of you, if not all of you, will forgive me under the circumstances.

On Sun, April 28, 1974, at 2:47 p.m., a beautiful new Fjallkona was crowned at a Coronation Ceremony in the Scandinavian Centre. The lady we are referring to is none other than Mrs. Thorey Greenham.

The afternoon started off with the retiring Fjallkona, Mrs. Eleanor Farrell, along with her attendants, taking her place on the throne. Then the Saga Singers sang two numbers (P.S. you should have heard us—we were in good voice as we had sung that morning in the Unitarian Church). Then Margaret Cameron introduced the Icelandic Society President, Leif Oddson, who gave a short talk on the spirit of Iceland. This was followed by another song called "Baen", meaning "a prayer for peace". Next the retiring Fjallkona gave an excellent speech. Congratulations to you, Eleanor. Following this, Ruth McNaughton made a presentation to Eleanor.

Now we come to what yours truly felt was the greatest moment of the day—the entry of the ceremonial party. It was led by six young people, beautifully dressed and carrying flowers. Following them was Thorey in that gorgeous Fjallkona costume escorted by Art Arnfinson. And I am sure, Art at that moment was the proudest man in the building—at any rate he sure looked it. I certainly was proud that he was selected for the task at hand.

As the ceremonial party entered, the choir sang Fostur-landins Freja". After the ceremony, Freda Smith, who was adorable in her outfit, made a presentation to the new Fjallkona. After the presentation, another number by the choir. Then a short speech by yours truly titled, "Youth Opportunities—Past and Present".

The afternoon concluded on a great note with life membership presentations to Mrs. V. Arnfinson and Mrs. Rosa Benedictson. Unfortunately Mrs. Benedictson was unable to be present. The presentations were made by Gunnar Thorvaldson, our membership chairman.

Finally, Margaret Cameron, you have to be congratulated for all the work and effort you put forth in organizing the occasion. In summation, three words: A

GREAT DAY. And, oh, yes, Long live the Icelandic Society!

VISITORS TO EDMONTON THE MAGNIFICENT

During the Easter holiday season, Hulda Yelic and her sister, Ninna Campbell, the road runner, had the pleasure of a visit from their father, Mr. Inge N. Bjornason, of Brandon, Man. He couldn't resist the temptation to visit our great city of Edmonton. Of course it goes without saying they had a great reunion.

NOW FOR A MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

If you are interested in forming a Junior Icelandic Society, phone Kurtis Halldorson at 475-8573. You can rest assured, if you want any assistance in getting organized there will be people only too happy to help you.

Mike Johnson, who resides in McQueen Lodge, phoned just recently and we had a good talk. Mike said he had been to Vancouver and arrived back in town on May 11. While in Vancouver, he signed up for a charter flight to Iceland. The charter flight leaves on July 8 and returns about Aug. 5. He mentioned he was happy that Bill and Edith Peterson will be on the same flight. One thing that he was concerned about is the lack of visitors from members of the Icelandic Society to see his brother, Joe, who now is in the Allan Gray Auxiliary Hospital. The only member of our Society to visit Joe since January was Art Arnfinson.

Mike also informed us that his niece, Shirley Lundberg, and her daughter, Susan, are leaving on June 23 to visit Japan, Hong Kong and the South Sea Islands. Sounds like an exciting holiday.

Gunnar Thorvaldson asked me to advise everybody that he is going to discontinue selling Hardfish due to the exorbitant price. However, he may have some left and you could make an inquiry by phoning him at 466-1570.

Don't forget the Icelandic Celebration at Markerville on Sat., June 22. It should be a great day and it will be capped off with a dance in the evening.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From March 22 through April 26 of this year there was no precipitation in southern Norway. It is the first time in 50 years no rain had fallen in southern Norway during this period.

Islendingadagur at Markerville

Sat., June 22 at 1 p.m.

All Icelanders and their friends are invited to attend the Annual Icelandic Celebration at Markerville. This is the celebration of the Icelandic Independence Day (June 17) and falls on the birthday of the famous Icelandic poet, Jon Sigurdson, who was prominent in achieving the independence of Iceland.

This occasion was celebrated in the early days of the settlement at Markerville and is now being re-established as a major cultural and social event. The day's

program will include sporting events, picnic supper, concert of Icelandic music featuring choirs from Calgary, Edmonton and local artists, followed by a dance at the Markerville Hall.

The sponsoring organizations are:

Stephan G. Stephanson Society of Markerville
Leif Eiriksson Icelandic Club of Calgary and
Nordurljo's Chapter Icelandic Society of Edmonton.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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He wants to be like his Dad! You, men,
Did you ever think, as you pause,
That the boy who watches your every move
Is building a set of laws?
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And whether it's good or bad,
Depends on the kind of example set
To the boy who'd be like his Dad.
Would you have him go everywhere you go?
Have him do just the things you do?
And see everything that your eyes behold,
And woo all the gods you woo?
When you see the worship that shines in the eyes
Of your lovable little lad,
Could you rest content if he gets his wish
And grows to be like his Dad?

DANISH TRAINS AND BIKES OFFER LOW COST TRAVEL

In these days of physical conditioning, jogging and overall awareness of the importance of being fit, what would be more natural than to take a bike in Denmark and do what the Danes have been doing as long as the bike has been around?

If the target of your exploration is a little farther away, take a train and rent a bike on the spot. This is the advice of the tour specialists of Scandinavian Airlines.

For as little as \$1.10 per day, you can rent a bicycle at any one of the 12 railway stations in North Zealand and take in the beauty of the Danish countryside.

One of the fun excursions is taking the train from Copenhagen to Elsinore which only takes one hour and a single second class ticket costs about \$1.50. A whole day can be spent there swimming at Julebæk or cycling around and visiting Hamlet's famed Kronborg Castle, the Danish Maritime Museum, the Danish Technical Museum and Marienlyst Palace.

You can either return to Copenhagen the same day or stay overnight in Elsinore and the next day cycle down to Hillerød, some 24 kilometers southwest. At Hillerød, there's the Gribbskov forest and Frederiksborg Castle. There also is Aabelholt Priory, a site of medieval ruins dating back to the 12th century.

Before renting the bicycle, a deposit of \$4.00 is required. If the bike is returned to a station other than the one where it was rented, there is a small handling fee.

Railway stations where bikes can be rented are: Rungsted Kyst, Helsingør, (Elsinore), Hillerød, Klampenborg, Skodsborg, Lyngby, Grena, Randers, Silkeborg, Struer, Viborg and Aarhus.

Also you can buy a Eurailpass before leaving Canada which entitles you to travel first class on any train, anytime to anywhere

whenever you feel like it—no restrictions, whatever. The cost is only \$150 per person for 21 days, \$190 - 30 days, \$260 - 2 months, and \$300 for 3 months. It's really worth it!

By Lorna J. Tergesen

Canadians of Icelandic descent are being given the opportunity of running an Icelandic Language Camp this summer. Its basic purpose is to arouse an awareness of Icelandic cultural heritage and history.

The camp is to be held at Gimli, Man., in the Industrial Park from July 20-Aug. 2, at a cost of \$75.00 per person. Those attending should be at least 10 years of age. This cost includes accommodation, meals, instruction and all supplies needed for programs.

This camp will offer, daily, two short periods of Icelandic language training, arts and crafts, sports, field trips, music, drama and poetry. In general, an all around full camp life.

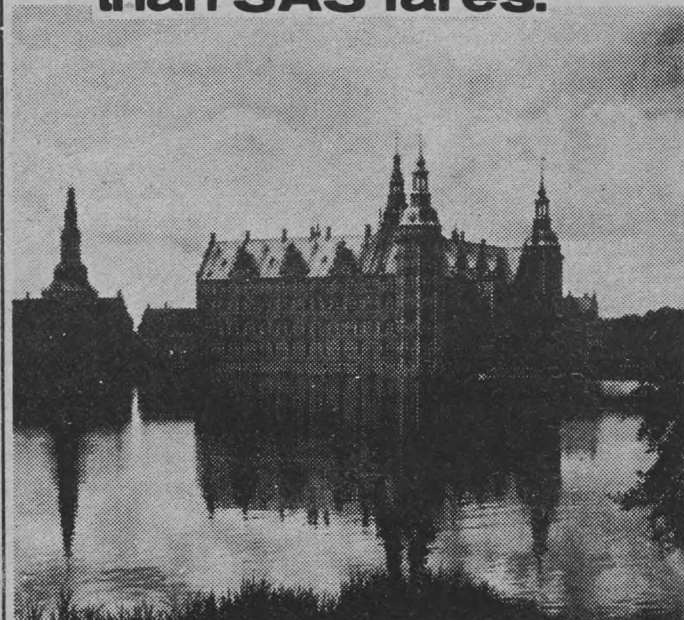
There must be 50 applicants willing to attend before the Manitoba Provincial Government will sponsor the program. Campers may come from all provinces and the United States, so if you are interested, plan to attend this venture. Campers need not necessarily be of Icelandic descent only.

If further information is needed please feel free to write:

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Millie Weiss

The regular May meeting was held in the Nordic Room with L. Eliasson as chairman. John and Mona Cumberbatch were host and hostess, showing films on Sweden.

Alma Samuelson and Karl Leander are on the Sick List. Gertie Holmgren had the misfortune of breaking her arm. A get-well wish for you all.

The local bowlers had their wind-up banquet on May 11. First place winners were Peter Johnson's team and 2nd place, Barbara Weiss' team. A good time was had by all.

The Ladies Auxiliary held their last meeting of the season at the home of Bud and Gertie Holmgren. An enjoyable evening was had by all. Gertie was a capable hostess even though she had a broken arm.

COMING EVENTS June 30:

Dessert Party — 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Country Store — 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
July 6:

Next meeting will be held July 6 at Vasa Park, Pigeon Lake at 7:30 in the Club House.

Klondyke Daze and Pancake Breakfast will follow the next meeting. □

Take Your Child With You To Scandinavia

Many thousands of the Americans who plan to visit Europe every year, face a common problem which they will have to solve in one way or another.

Where will they leave their children while touring the highlights of the European continent—with Grandma? That may be inconvenient. In camp? That may be too expensive. Take them along on the entire trip? That might be good for them to experience a little European atmosphere, but perhaps not give Mom and Dad the full vacation and relaxation that was the actual purpose of the trip.

So here is good news! From the friendly little Kingdom of Denmark, known for its wonderful foods, fun and fairy tales, the Danes have come up with a solution that, no doubt, will have a tremendous appeal to Canadian parents, because it will give the children the security that Grandma stands for, the fun the camp can offer, plus the thrill of being abroad that a European trip could offer.

PARK YOUR CHILDREN IN COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen, being the gateway to Europe, offers excellent direct air and ship connections, both with East and West coast of the United States, and further, has direct connections with all European tourist centres. Therefore, whatever part of Europe you plan to visit, Copenhagen will always be a convenient port of entry or departure.

Once you are in that gay capital of Denmark with your children, here are some of the many possibilities offered you: if you want to park the children, whether they are tots or teens.

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Camp Viking for boys and girls 8-15 years old. Situated at Asserbo, Frederiksvaerk, 35 miles north of Copenhagen, in the heart of the Danish vacationland. 1st Period: June 30 - July 19. 2nd Period: July 21 - Aug. 9. American director: Mrs. Sigrid B. Ott of the International Camps. The Camp Fee is \$220.00 per period. Each additional period after the first, \$210.00.

BASIC FEE

Registration \$25.00, camp fee per week \$59.50. A deposit of \$25.00 is required with the application. This covers enrollments

of all campers from a family as well as the campers applying for two or more periods. This deposit is deductible from the camp fee, but is not refundable except in case of serious illness of the camper or under extraordinary circumstances as determined on an individual basis. Basic fees cover all necessary living expenses at camp, general infirmary service, excursions and all camp activities. One registration fee covers all children of one family.

WHY NOT A VACATION ON HORSEBACK?

The Jutland Riding Institute at Vejle offers fun-filled summer-camp riding-courses for children. It contains riding house, outdoor riding ground, place for jumping, and an ideal countryside for cross-country trips on horseback. The participants live and eat at the Athletic School of Jutland, one of the most beautifully situated schools in Denmark with nice rooms with two beds, shower facilities, outdoor swimmingpool, Finnish Sauna, general sport facilities and lecture rooms, library, etc.

Half an hour away from the Riding Institute there is a real Wild West Vacation Centre for children from 7 to 16 years old on a farm about 70 acres. There are riding grounds, pony treks, wagons, camping facilities, plus many more exciting possibilities for children to have fun. The Wild West Centre is open from June 1 to Aug. 31, and the participants of the camps change every Sunday. Arrival Sunday at noon, departure following Sunday morning. Price: \$57.00 per week all inclusive. For further information and registration write directly to:

1. Jydsk Rideinstitut, Box 55, DK-7100 Vejle, Denmark.

2. Wild West Centre, The Sheriff's Office, DK-6623 Vorbasse, Denmark.

At Aarhus, on the peninsula of Jutland: Think of what fun it would be for your children to spend a week or more, on a real Danish farm. This is possible near Aarhus, Denmark's second largest city, in the heart of picturesque Jutland. The price is \$5.00 a day, including full board. English is spoken on the farm. For further details, write to Aarhus Tourist Office, Raadhuset, Aarhus, Denmark.

RAY CAREY SPEAKS TO TORSKE KLUBBEN

(Correction: The last speaker on "Residential Security" was Const. R. (Dick) Osberg, from the City of Edmonton Police Department and not Mr. Ray Carey as printed in last month's paper.)

Ray Carey, Section Supervisor, Field Safety and Driver Training, was born and raised in Edmonton. He is married and has 2 sons—one in Yellowknife and the other in Oklahoma—and one daughter in Edmonton.

Mr. Carey has been in Safety Supervisor for 25 years with the past 11 years with Alberta Government Telephones.

Following his speech, Mr. Carey showed a very interesting movie which was filmed on the spot of accidents on highways and streets.

FORWARD

FIFTEEN YEARS TO DIE!

(This was the headline of an obituary that really set you to thinking!)

"Local man, age 36, dies after 15 years in hospital, following auto accident in which he was totally disabled."

Fifteen years of staring at the same ceiling;

180 months of complete dependence upon others;

780 weeks of hope-erosion, with

FOR THE EVENINGS

There are excellent baby sitter services in Copenhagen—run by the students of the Copenhagen University. Their names are: Studenternes Babysitters, Martensens Alle 4A, VE 3038.

Their fees are from \$100 to \$1.25 an hour. Arrangements should be made before 5 p.m.

Especially for air travelers: Various types of baby carriages can be rented at about \$4.00-\$5.00 a month from Brødrene Poulsen, Roskildevej 264, Valby, Tel: 70 41 42.

AND IF YOU STAY WITH THE CHILDREN

You will agree that no city offers more fun for the children than wonderful Copenhagen. Here are a few examples:

Tivoli Gardens: Open from 9 a.m. until midnight and featuring, apart from a supervised playground open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., a variety of attractions such as Pantomime Theatre, the only one of its kind in the world. The Tivoli Guard parading with their own band. Children's milk bar, plus an endless number of amusements.

The Copenhagen Zoo: One hundred years old, located in a beautiful park, covering 20 acres, with more than 2,500 animals belonging to 650 different species. The Children's Zoo is an added attraction for the youngsters.

Circus Schumann: Regarded as one of the finest of its kind.

The National Museum: Fascinating collections dating back to the time of the Vikings and other periods of Danish history.

Old Canals of Copenhagen: Seen by motorboat, a charming experience, as is a trip around the harbor—the largest in Northern Europe.

Frederiksborg Garden: A truly romantic park, with canals for rowboats, wading pool for children, toy sailboats and ducks.

The Deer Park at Klampenborg: Just North of Copenhagen. It is considered Denmark's most beautiful forest covering 800-900 acres with more than 1,200 deer. Ideal for hansom cab trips and picnics.

expenses towering to crowd everything else off the skyline; 5,475 days of waiting for the night, 5,475 nights of waiting for the day;

131,400 hours of four walls, fading flowers, medicinal smells, useless sympathy; 7,844,000 minutes of vegetation with roots withering in hopelessness, spirit shrinking in stagnation; 473,040,000 seconds of death before burial,

and probably because of some "little" fault that you might be committing every day of your driving life. Such as failure to glance left and right; or forgetting to check your rear-view mirror; squeezing one more trip out of bald tires; crowding the car ahead; leaning on luck in a blind spot; trying to average 60 on a 50 mph road; or just plain, blind assumption that the other driver will do the right thing.

Death at 36 after 15 years of dying! Within that period of time, a man usually marries, has a family, climbs upward in the world, travels, plays, begins to mature, enjoys a million sights, sounds, sensations.

Over these same 15 years, this man was a castaway on a lonely bed-island. He absorbed tasteless food, slept a desperate sleep, suffered, cursed, cried, felt the bitterness sink his insides into knots at such ordinary sounds as laughter, free footsteps and hearty talk.

For every person who dies in traffic smashups, many others spend agonizing weeks, months, lifetimes of disability.

You risk this as well as a quick ending when you commit those "little" driving errors. Do you realize this? Do you know what errors are yours, and what you must do to correct them?

(Thereupon, Mr. Carey showed his movie.) □

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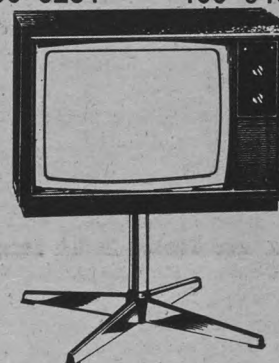
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FINNISH SOCIETY

By Elmer Kankkunen

The Finnish Society activities are almost finished for this season. The one remaining event is the **Jukannus Night Revelry** planned for June 22 at the Floating Stone Lake public campground. Floating Stone Lake—now there's a name that's rather intriguing and bears further on-the-spot investigation. For those planning to attend, bring your tent, trailer, camper, etc., and more information on floating objects will be provided at the site. In addition to the activities normally associated with this event, a trophy will be presented to the party catching the biggest fish.

On June 7 and 8, two Finnish artists, now living in Vancouver, Mr. Allan Vyyrylainen and Mr. Niilo Hyypiainen, will be exhibiting art objects in the Dania Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Details are rather vague at this time but those interested can learn more by calling Mrs. Irja Kuusela prior to the date of the exhibit.

At the general meeting held April 17 at our president's pad, it was decided that a start would be made on collecting data on the history of Finnish immigrants in Alberta. One of the best sources of information is, of course, conversations with our few remaining old timers. It was decided that equipment suitable for taping conversations would have to be acquired as a first step.

The Annual Vappu Dance held May 4 at the Scandinavian Centre was a bit of a disappointment in that the turnout was down from previous years. Among other things, it apparently coincided with a wedding anniversary celebration held in Thorhild. Trophies were presented to the winners of our Ice Fishing Contest held earlier this winter. Several consolation and booby prizes were also handed out. The choir sang several selections in Finnish accompanied by Miss Ulla Vesalainen on the piano. Mr. Heikki Sario, Finnish Society president, presented Ulla with a bouquet of flowers honouring her dedicated efforts on behalf of the choir.

The rather meager turnout can be taken as a gentle reminder that annual club events which might have been successful in the past will not always continue to be as

NEWS FROM FINLAND

By Airi Langeste
GOING TO FINLAND THIS SUMMER?

Suomi Society is arranging a seminar on Finnish Language and Culture for the first time this summer. The seminar will be held in Lahti between July 1-14, and after that a three-day tour of southern Finland will follow.

There has been considerable interest in the seminar, but they still have a few vacancies, and have decided to open the doors also to persons over 30 years of age. So if you are in Finland at that time, why not go and learn more Finnish, and more about Finland?

The cost, including full board and tuition plus the tour, is only \$160.00—travel to and from Lahti is, of course, on your own.

For more information, please contact Suomi Society, Mariankatu 8, 00170 Helsinki 17, Finland at once.

successful in the future no matter what efforts have been expended in this regard. A certain apathy seems to prevail among many of the ethnic groups, ours included. I might be wrong, but it seemed to me that a certain very necessary spark was missing from the evening's festivities.

The meeting of the executive held May 15 at the Ristola residence turned into a bit of a soul-searching bull session with discussions centred on such topics as club purpose, what efforts we should be making to preserve our culture, ways and means of attracting more people to our activities, the possibility of introducing disco-type dancing for the younger set, etc., etc.

Incidentally, don't forget the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the Scandinavian Centre on June 21. Additional details will probably be published elsewhere in this edition.

Last, but certainly not least, my wife and I wish to express our hearty thanks to all our friends who took part in some way in the recent surprise housewarming party held in our behalf. Kiitoksia paljon kaikille!

I also wish to advise readers of this column that I shall be away again for the summer and if you have news items that you wish published, please contact Anne Sahuri or possibly Mrs. Airi Langeste in my absence. Perhaps I shall drop you a line from Inuvik or Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T. □

WELCOME TO FINLAND!

The President's palace in Helsinki, Finland, is going to get a new coat of paint this summer, which it is badly in need of because the last paint job was done about 10 years ago. The new, main color will be yellow and the window panes will be white.

"Streaking", the latest fad all over the world, has come to Finland, too. In Hameenlinna 2 young men found out that it will also cost them some cash. They were fined 150 marks each when their early morning streaking around the city's market place ended up in the arms of the police.

Just in case you still have not heard, the Finnish word for streaking is viuhahtaa or viuhahtaminen.

The young King of Sweden, Carl XVI Gustaf, will pay a state visit to Finland as the guest of President Urho Kekkonen. The visit will take place from Nov. 19-21, 1974. This will not be his first visit to Finland for, as Crown Prince, he was there twice before.

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WILD LIFE

A Reprieve for the Big Bad Wolf

That villain of the wilds, the wolf—first cousin of man's best friend, the dog—has been given a reprieve in Finland by a special act giving it legal protection all over the country except the reindeer herding region of the far north until the end of 1977. The Ministry of Agriculture is empowered, however, to grant wolf hunting licenses in exceptional cases if the animal multiplies too rapidly under protection or causes excessive damage.

The wolf-protection law was passed to save the animal from threatened extinction.

A pair of wolves are known to have wandered down into southern Finland last winter, and they are believed to have produced a number of cubs. Rumor has it that, even without last spring's cubs, between half-a-dozen and ten wolves have been roaming the forests of the Hame region in the past year.

Conservationists are reluctant to publish the facts for fear of spreading fright and whetting the killer instincts of hunters. Mass wolf hunts in recent years have disgusted conservationists and resulted in a public outcry to save the wolf from extinction.

Dr. Eriikki Pulliainen, a wolf expert, says that people tend to exaggerate the numbers of wolves on the prowl. "If there really are as many wolves as reported, it only goes to show that wolves and people can coexist in peace. Nothing to get alarmed about has come to light." □

(Continued from Page 3)

WEDDING

in gay braids or embroidery, a white apron with wide embroidered hardanger insertion, and beaded bands hanging from her waist to the bottom of her skirt. For this day in her life, she wears a glittering crown on her free flowing, fair hair. She carries a hymn book with a finely woven cloth covering it. This cloth is handed down from generation to generation and is often hundreds of years old. Silver pins, buttons and buckles cover almost her whole waist. The groom, too, is dressed in traditional peasant clothing.

Frequently, the wedding party arrives in a whole fleet of boats with the bride and groom in the lead. On a clear, sunny day, the country itself seems prepared for

the wedding feast. The waters of the fjord reflect the snow-covered mountains, the bright green of the tall birches, and the boats of the gaily dressed bride and groom and wedding guests. They land near the church, which usually stands on a promontory, and the bridesmaids see to it that everything is in order. They carefully guard the quaintly carved "tina" where the crown is kept. The groom's attendants try to get the "tina" away from the maids, but it must be done by tricks, not by force. If they succeed, the maids must weave a pair of garters for each of them. If the maids can keep the "tina", the men must make each a present of red cloth for a new dress.

When all is in order, the procession from the boats to the church is formed, the fiddler with the Hardanger fiddle (an instrument with 8 strings, 4 being understrings, related to or fore-runner to Scotland's bagpipes) who also alerts the minister that the couple is ready for the ceremony with the cup-bearer in the lead; then the bride and groom, their attendants, the groom's kinfolk, the bride's kinfolk, and after them, the guests. There may be hundreds of them, and in their gay costumes, young and old, with happy faces walk to the church. When they are all seated, men, women and children of the neighborhood crowd the church, for it isn't every day that they can enjoy such an event.

The ceremony follows the Lutheran ritual—a short sermon, singing, and the binding promises. For many years this took place outside the church. The minister had to assure himself first that the bride and groom were not too closely related in a forbidden way (such as being godfather and godmother to the same child) and the marriage was voluntarily entered into by both of them. Only one ring was used, handed by the groom to the pastor, who kissed it and placed it on the bride's finger. Then the church doors were opened and the young couple were escorted into the church by candlelight. Following the service, the pastor joined the bridal procession back to the groom's home, where "the blessing" took place in a solemn manner, with the newlyweds kneeling in prayer, while a hymn was sung.

At the wedding feast, the bride is a joy to behold, dancing in her crown with her bridegroom, while the elders sit around the walls and gossiping. There is a great feasting, and the cup-bearer had a busy time filling the goblets with homemade ale and wines. The fiddler or any musician, was the most popular participant there. Without him, no "springer", "halling" or other folk dancing could be properly executed by the people of those days. (The "springer" is a merry dance in 3/4 measure, akin to Polish dancing, the girls' skirts swinging, the men's arms crossed and knees bent double, with quick changes of the feet to the rapid beat of the tune. The "halling" was more challenging, also 3/4 time, most masculine of all dances, virility personified in its sudden astonishing leaps and high kicks.) There was much fun with dancing and singing. The bride wears the crown one whole day and on the second day she appears in her "skaut", the kerchief symbolizing that she now was indeed a married woman.

She walked around with a big wooden bowl, collecting money as wedding gifts or pledges. Some brought food along for the wedding party. Housing during this wedding period also offered a serious problem. Every available attic, basement, barn and stable was occupied by guests badly in need of a rest,

LOVE

I love you,
Not only for what you are,
But for what I am
When I am with you.

I love you,
Not only for what
You have made of yourself,
But for what
You are making of me.

I love you,
For the part of me
That you bring out . . .
And for drawing out
Into the light
All the beautiful belongings
That no one else had looked
Quite far enough to find.

I love you because you
Are helping me to make
Of the lumber of my life
Not a tavern
But a temple;
Out of the works
Of my every day
Not a reproach
But a song . . .

many preferring to sleep out of doors during the long summer night.

Weddings of old were much more than a time for celebration and pleasures. They began formally, with all the conventions observed and some ended in fuddled confusion and disorder. First, there were greetings to be exchanged, gifts to be presented, guests to be placed according to standing, wealth, age, kinship and other considerations. This was difficult enough, for "standing" in itself could depend on so many things, and wealth was reckoned in fields and pastures and how many sides of bacon one had hanging in the "stabbur", and how many silver beakers one had in the cupboard.

The inevitable moment came (as the day drew to a close and the next day dawned) when the lusty young men had to prove their strength and come to blows. A fight like this was not necessarily in earnest, it could be a friendly contest—at least to begin with. The guests expected a scrap and actually looked forward to it. A really outstanding trial of strength could bring added honor and renown to the feast. There is a verse by one country poet telling the story of a wedding which, poor and frugal as it was, became an outstanding event in the history of the district because it happened to coincide with the building of a new bridge, and a glorious fight which took place there:

"It was the spring when Grunge bridge was raised.
From bygd to bygd our wedding feast was praised.
For it was there that old man Olav Bjaaland,
The giant fought and licked the lad from Aaland."

No man alive has seen this form of fighting in earnest, but everybody knows the word, "beltespenning", which excites the imagination with its horror.

Yearly in Voss, Norway, a pageant is put on called "Midsummer Wedding Festival". A party of 25 children parade and follow the old time country custom of having this procession, dressed in their old costumes of that district led by the fathers of the bride and groom, toastmaster and fiddler, bridal couple, bridesmaids and groomsmen, men of the village, married women and unmarried girls, and bringing up the rear is a man pulling a keg of ale in a little wagon.

Now the wedding festivities come to an end and, like all popular folk tales, they lived happily ever after—even in Norway. □

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News from the Danish Church

By Pastor Holger N. Madsen

Whenever a group of people worship together, work together, laugh together, and cry together, something beautiful always happens. And so was the result of the Annual Ladies Aid Spring Bazaar, held on May 11 at the Eastwood Community Hall. After many hours of painstaking labor, the ladies put on a real tasteful Spring Bazaar. Anyone who tasted some of their baking would readily agree that this was so. But not only were the eats superb, but so was the fellowship. There was a real springy feeling of doing and being something together.

The following people received the extra plus of being the lucky ticket holders:

Trip to Copenhagen, or \$500 was won by Mrs. Karen Jensen. (Oddly enough, Karen was not able to be at the bazaar because she was on a long-looked-forward-to trip to Denmark. Now she can come home to discover that her trip is paid for. Congratulations, Karen, we are happy for you and with you.)

The Quilt was won by Mrs. Oswald.

The Bell-Pull by Mrs. Anna Nielsen.

The Christmas Calendar by Miss Karen Klostergaard.

The Tablecloth by the holder of Ticket No. 1096. You may claim this by showing your ticket to Mrs. J. Petersen.

Congratulations to all winners, and to all non-winners, "Thank you for your participation, and better luck next time."

We also want to extend a big "thanks" to all who worked on the bazaar. As well as to each one who supported it by their attendance and donations.

The month of June holds promise of being a busy month at Ansgar. We shall be welcoming our guests from Denmark, Mr. and Mrs. Winther-Johannsen, the Secretary Treasurer of the DKU (Danish Church in Foreign Lands). An all Congregational and friends of Ansgar social evening will be held in the Church parlors on Fri., June 7 at 7:30 p.m. At this time Mr. Johannsen will have the opportunity to inform us as to the various aspects of church life amongst Danish people throughout the world. We do hope that everyone will make a special effort to be out for this evening of fellowship. Please don't stay away because you think that there won't be room for you in the church. We would love to be able to jam-pack the place to overflowing so that our Danish guests may see that at Ansgar, things are alive and well. So if you had something else scheduled for June 7, please consider cancelling it and come and join us, even if we have to sit upstairs and outside, the fellowship is sure to be warm.

On Sat., June 8, the Teen Club of Ansgar is planning a weekend campout at Long Lake. They will go on a Saturday morning and return Sunday evening. Planned into their weekend will be an outdoor worship service by the lake. If someone would be able to help us with transportation we should be most happy to hear from you.

We want to thank, on behalf of the Teen Club, Tage and Mrs. Hansen, for their willingness to provide transportation for our bike outing. We are most happy to report that all the cyclists made it the full 12 miles, but were happy that Tage was there with his truck to haul them and their bikes back.

On June 16 at 3 p.m. (at this writing the place has not yet been set) we shall be having our Annual Congregational Picnic. It has been

set for this date as a summer wind-up for our Sunday School. This year the whole program will be geared for the enjoyment of the children. There will NOT be any guest speaker, but rather the feature event of the day will be to give the young people a chance to show that they can either beat, or be beaten by, their parents in a game of softball.

Then, too, of course, there will be contests and races for the kids, of all ages—up to 95. Free ice-cream is being provided as well as koolaid and coffee. This will be a potluck picnic, therefore each family will bring their share.

The place of the picnic will be announced as well as published in the June Newsletter. Plan now to be at the picnic.

On June 9, Pastor Madsen leaves for a Convention in Vancouver taking with him our Danish guests. He will return on the 16 or 17, and then the following Sunday, June 23, 8 of our young people will be confirming their Christian faith.

We ask everyone to note the change in our Service Schedule for June; this was done to accommodate our Danish guests. We look for you all at Ansgar this month, sometime! □

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PRESENTATION

Danish Royal Castle, Frederiksborg Castle, in Copenhagen, as well as keeping it in constant repair; and how the Carlsberg Memorial Fund had commissioned the Danish painter, Victor Brockdorff, to paint a painting of which the result was one of Frederiksborg Castle. He then introduced Ib Nielsen, to do the actual presentation.

Mr. Nielsen then presented the painting to the Edmonton Danish Society through the Danish Consul, Knud Holm-Pedersen.

Mr. Holm-Pedersen accepted the painting on behalf of the Danish people of Edmonton, and after expressing his thanks, called upon the Mayor of Edmonton, Ivor Dent, to accept the painting on behalf of the people of Edmonton from the Danish people.

Mr. Dent, upon accepting the painting, said that it had been arranged that the painting would be hung on permanent display on the main floor of the Edmonton Centennial Library in the heart of the city. He thanked all those concerned in presenting to the people of Edmonton this marvelous painting and felt it would be a constant memorial of the Danish presence in the community.

The Danish painter, Victor Brockdorff, was one of the founders of the international painters group called COBRA, of which Alichensky and Corneille now have become world famous.

The Frederiksborg Castle dates back about 400 years and contains extremely valuable paintings, tapestries, etc., and is visited every year by tourists from all over the world. Frederiksborg Castle receives a yearly donation for its upkeep by the Carlsberg Foundation.

Victor Brockdorff, who is about 50 years old, has obtained a fine reputation as a painter in Denmark and the commission given him will undoubtedly add to his reputation as a fine modern artist.

Anyone wishing to see the painting need only go to the Centennial Library. □

SPEECH BY DANISH CONSUL, KNUD HOLM-PEDERSEN

It is indeed a proud moment for me to be here tonight to receive, on behalf of the Danish Society,

this beautiful painting donated by the Carlsberg Foundation.

Since the subject of the donor and the painter already has been dealt with I find it appropriate to give you a brief outline of the history of the castle.

Frederiksborg Castle was founded in 1560 by King Frederik II—though his son, Christian IV, also known as the royal builder and architect—by far built the largest portion of the castle around 1600. For a considerable period of time the castle was in fact the residence of the royal family. King Christian IV designed and built several magnificent structures, amongst them the Rosenborg Castle as well as the Copenhagen Stock Exchange. The Danes today are generally proud of the results of Christian IV's building activities; it is, however, a proven fact that the king's building activities brought the country to the brink of bankruptcy.

Frederiksborg Castle was partially destroyed by a big fire in 1859 and left in ruins for a number of years. Due to a generous donation by brewer J. C. Jacobsen, the founder of the Carlsberg Breweries, the castle was restored to its present form and became the Museum of National History. The museum is maintained by funds from the Carlsberg Foundation and it is of great cultural and historical importance, not least as a tourist attraction, in as much as it is visited by approximately 1/4 million people every year.

I would like at this time to ask his worship, Dr. Ivor Dent, to come forward.

Your Worship, it gives me great pleasure to ask you to accept this painting of Frederiksborg Castle as a gift from the Danish Society in Edmonton to the City of Edmonton." □

Life Can Be Beautiful

Every person comes into this little old world without his consent and yet leaves it willingly. During the intervening years on earth much time is spent in controversies and misunderstandings.

In his infancy, man is an angel. In his boyhood, he is an imp. In his manhood, he is everything from a worm up. In his old age, he is a fool. If he is rich, he is dishonest. If he raises a family, he's a chump. If he doesn't raise a family, he's too selfish. If he goes to church, he's a hypocrite. If he doesn't, he's damned. If he isn't, he's shirking his responsibility. If he's a generous giver, he's a show-off; if he isn't he's stingy. If he dies young, it's a shame because he had such a future ahead of him; but if he lives, why, the old so and so, he's probably only hanging around to save funeral expenses.

Yes, sir, some of the same people who want to kiss you when you come into this little old world want to kick the — out of you when you are here. Life is queer, by gad; but it's fun, ain't it? □

GOOD NEIGHBOR

No, I'm afraid you can't interest me in a vacuum cleaner," she told the salesman at the door. "Try the lady next door—I always use hers and it's absolutely terrible."

"Why do you always look puzzled when I say I'm a self-made man?"

"I just can't decide whether you're bragging or apologizing."



Danish Consul Knud Holm-Pedersen shakes hands with Ib Nielsen of Carling O'Keefe Ltd. who has just presented the painting, "Frederiksborg Castle", to the Danish Society of Edmonton on behalf of the Carlsberg Memorial Foundation.



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RONNING LODGE

By Grace Hansen

Spring League Bowling began on May 6 with eight teams participating.

The "Nor Lys", with Edith Holmberg, team captain, were Hi-Team in the roll-offs of the Friday night league.

We were honored to have Norwegian Consul Arne Johannessen and his wife as guests at our Independence Day dinner and dance on May 3. On behalf of the Norwegian government, Br. Johannessen presented Ronning Lodge with three authentic Norwegian paintings (painted in Norway by Norwegian artists).

On June 22 Ronning Lodge will be hosting an International Lodge Golf Tournament. The Western Barbeque and Dance, to follow, will be open to friends and general public. We expect to see a lot of you "swingers" come out for this!

Plans are going ahead for the 43rd International Supreme Convention of the Sons of Norway, which will be in Banff, Aug. 21-24. There are presently about 20 people registered from here, to date. The Ronning Lodge Ladies Drill Team will be performing at the Convention, so preparations are now being made. □



Ronning Junior Lodge Officers, March 1974.
 Marshall—Charlene Swanson, Asst. Marshall—Jacky Torpe, Outer Guard—Norine Fullen, Historian—Sherry Broen, Financial Sec.—Verna Fullen, Vice Pres.—Karen Lien. (Back row) Treasurer—Debbie Torpe, Counsellor—Kevin Neilson, Pres.—Donna Torpe, Secretary—Carol Servold, Reporter—Colin Anderson, Social Dir.—Kevin Davis. (Not present is Inner Guard—Lindsay Krausert.)

A radio station phoned one thousand men asking to whom they were listening. Eighty per cent said their wives.

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Initiation of Ronning Junior Lodge members, March 19, 1974. The lodge holds the record of being the largest in Canada—31 members.



Installation Night—Sons of Norway Junior Lodge No. 504. Past President Chris Christianson (Senior Lodge) presenting Donna Torpe (President of the Junior Lodge) with the gavel that had originally been a gift to the Senior Lodge from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway.

RONNING JUNIOR LODGE

By Colin Anderson

There was a Ronning Junior Lodge meeting on May 9 in Camrose at the Anglican Church.

At this meeting four more people were initiated into the Lodge to make a grand total of 31 people. Also we decided on a number of fund-raising projects.

First, we decided on selling watermelon and tickets at Jaywalkers Jamboree. The tickets are for a handmade wool rug. The draw will be made on June 8.

Second, at every meeting all the kids are to bring a dime, then we put all of our names in a hat and draw one for half of the money, the other half goes to our treasury. With some of this money we are going to give out badges to the

people with perfect attendance.

We had a few guests at this meeting. One was Past President Chris Christianson who presented us with a gavel which was given to him from the Minister of Foreign Affairs when he was here on his visit from Norway last year. Also Mrs. Servold who spoke to us about the Norwegian Language Camp this summer. □

Love is the greatest thing in the world. Most important, it is readily available to each of us. All we need to do is to reach out and practice it.

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Distance lends enchantment, but not when you're out of gas.

Smorgasbord as Served in Scandinavia

This is something you may have heard about and perhaps are looking forward to. Smorgasbordet is a large table which is usually placed in the middle of the dining-room and is easily accessible to all guests. On it are placed a large number of fancy dishes and you help yourself—often several times—and take what you like of the various dishes.

The first and foremost dish of the smorgasbord is herring, "sill", of various kinds, which is always eaten first. It may be home-pickled with onions, "løksill" or "glasmastarsill", or ready-made from a tin. The first new potatoes which arrive in June or July are delicious with a good pickled herring.

After herring and anchovies, which are also popular, you might like to try a sardine or some other fish such as salmon or eel which are usually smoked or jellied. Shrimps and pawns, "rakor", are a favourite dish. They are peeled with the fingers and when you have enjoyed the last one, a finger bowl and serviette are provided. Then it is time to start with the meat dishes, sliced boiled ham, particularly delicious when combined with a cooked vegetable salad, liver pate, sliced smoked reindeer meat, etc. The smorgasbord is usually topped off with cheese.

When having a large smorgasbord there may be served small hot dishes of anchovies or herring au gratin, filled omelets, meat-balls, whole fried onions, fried small sausages, kidney and mushroom sauce, etc., which are eaten in the order they are mentioned. □

Norwegians may now buy in the stores of the Wine and Liquor Monopoly small packages of freeze-dried and vacuum-packed aquavit and scotch whiskey. The liquor is sold wrapped in aluminum foil and plastic bags like freeze-dried coffee. The new product is less expensive than liquor sold in bottles.

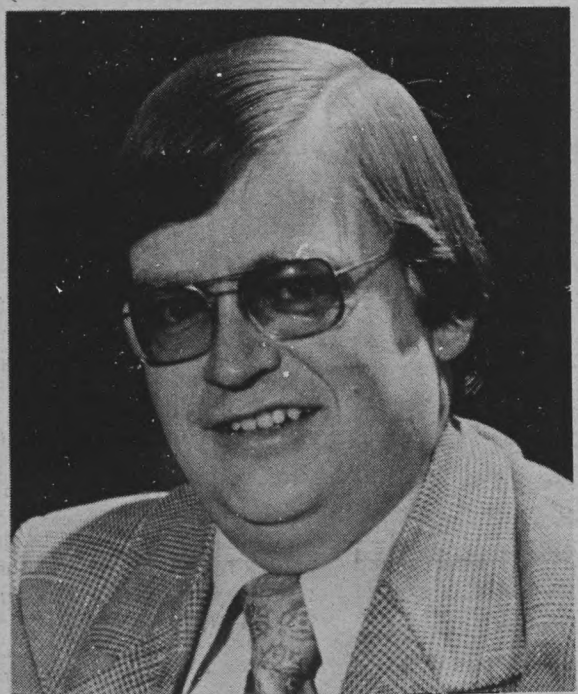
Men still die with their boots on, but one of them is usually on the accelerator.

Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it each day, and it becomes so strong we cannot break it.

Horace Mann



J. EDWARD NESS
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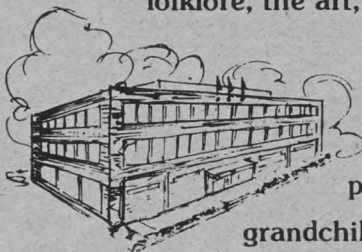
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SONS OF NORWAY SUPREME LODGE CONVENTION

By Gladys C. Clark

With only a few months away, the Supreme Convention Executive Committee is very busy with plans for the convention. This will be a memorable occasion for all delegates, members and visitors attending from all over United States and Western Canada.

The Alberta Lodges are part of the "Fabulous Fourth", the only International District. It is the first time for a Supreme Convention to be held in the Province of Alberta, and the third time in the Dominion of Canada.

The Host Lodges are:
Solglyt 143, Edmonton
Valhalla 341, Calgary
Hamar 345, Claresholm
Northern Lights 493, Grande

Prairie

Ronning 504, Camrose

Our Host Lodges have been formulating plans, and our Youth Committee has arranged to accommodate 150 young people at the Banff School of Fine Arts.

There will be displays of Norwegian handicrafts, jewelry, etc., Norge Husflids Lag, under the capable hands of Astrid Hope, Edmonton, and Shirley Olson, Grande Prairie. The Norwegian Ski Council will also have a display.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

There is much to do and see in Banff and vicinity. For this reason there will not be a rigid schedule, so visitors can do what they wish. Activities presently planned are:
The President's Reception,

Wed., Aug. 21 from 9:00-11:00 p.m. in the Riverview Lounge.

Thursday morning, Aug. 22 at 8:30 a.m. is Presentation of Colors on the patio at the Banff Springs Hotel.

Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. is a Barbecue and Western Dance in conjunction with the Youth Group in the Fairholme Room.

Sat., Aug. 24 in the afternoon is the Installation of Officers in the Cascade Room.

The Camrose Drill Ladies are taking part in the Installation.

Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. is the Banquet at which time the Camrose Drill Team will perform—dance to follow in Fairholme Room. The Youth Group will have a Rock Dance in the Cascade Room

at the Banff Springs Hotel.

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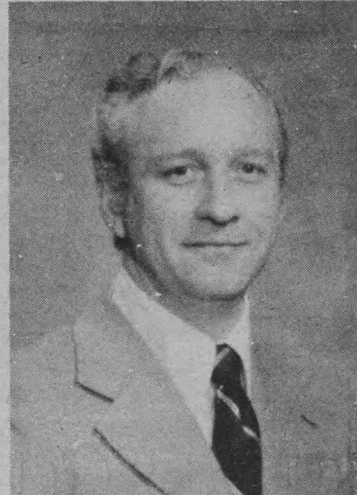
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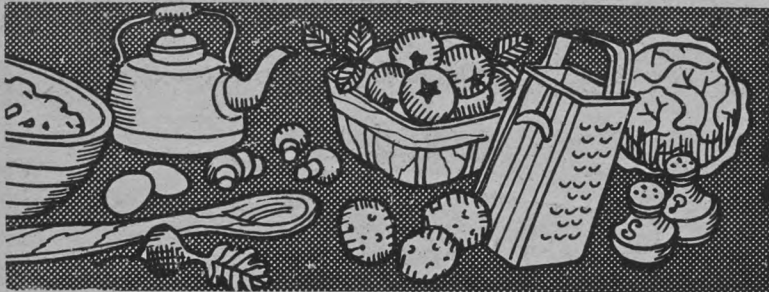
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PINEAPPLE SALAD

(serves 8)

- 1 can pineapple tidbits, drained
- 1 can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 1/2 cups tiny marshmallows
- 1 cup canned pears, cubed
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- Dash of salt

Combine all ingredients. Chill overnight. Serve on crisp lettuce.

This chicken is easy to prepare and delicious.

OVEN FRIED CHICKEN

- 2/3 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- About 1/2 cup butter or salad oil
- 2 or 3 pound frying chicken cut in pieces

Mix the dry ingredients in a paper bag. Shake 2 or 3 pieces of chicken at a time in the bag to coat thoroughly. Place the chicken, skin-side down, single layer in a shallow pan. Bake in a 375° oven. Turn the chicken after 30 minutes of baking and cook other side up for another 30 minutes or until chicken

is tender.

For a quick, sweet treat, try making peanut clusters.

PEANUT CLUSTERS

- 1-6 ounce package of chocolate bits
- 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup salted peanuts

Melt the chocolate bits over hot water on low heat. Remove from heat and add the sweetened condensed milk and peanuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto wax paper. Chill thoroughly.

SCANDINAVIAN RECIPE FOR

JUNE

FINNISH STRAWBERRY SPONGE CAKE

By Airi Langeste

- 4 eggs
 - 1 scant cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup all purpose flour
 - 1/3 cup potato flour
 - 1 heaping teaspoon baking powder
- Beat eggs with sugar about 3 or 4 minutes on high speed electric mixer until fluffy. (Do not over-beat.)

Mix flours with baking powder and add slowly to the egg mixture. When well mixed put into 2 well-buttered and floured layer cake pans. Bake at 350° for about 25 to 30 minutes or until cake comes away from the sides of the pan.

When cakes are cooled, put a layer of sweetened whipped cream, then a layer of sweetened strawberries on one cake. Put the other

cake on top and put a layer of strawberries on the top. Garnish with more whipped cream. □

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CONVENTION

before July 1.

REGISTRATION FEE

The fee set for delegates, visitors and staff is \$30.00. This amount will cover banquet, entertainment, planned tours, barbecue and other expenses necessary in carrying out a convention.

Any Sons of Norway members wishing to attend any of these functions, or as a visitor, are to have their reservations in by July 1, as everything has to be reserved.

Each lodge member is to contact the convention executive member of their respective lodge, or phone me (Gladys Clark) at 455-5371.

So, Alberta Host Lodges, let's attend this convention with a warm, friendly and enthusiastic welcome to everyone.

See you at the convention!

Gladys C. Clark

Program & Publicity □

STAVANGER—TRADITION AND OIL BOOM

Stavanger, with a population of 83,000 is the southernmost gateway to the Fjord Country of Western Norway. It has recently added the role of an oil city to its traditional fishing, shipping, trading and tourist industries following the discovery of oil and gas in the seabed off the southwestern coast of Norway.

Located on the Byfjord (The Town Fjord), Stavanger is the county seat of Rogaland, the historic district from which Norway was united into one kingdom at the end of the 9th century by the Viking king, Harald the Fairhair. Founded in the 11th century, it was made a bishopric by King Sigurd Jorsalfar (The Crusader) and was granted its town charter in 1425.

Today, Stavanger serves as a base for oil drillers working on the rigs in the North Sea, off the Norwegian coast. As an oil city, it has become the provisional home of some 1,500 U.S. citizens. A school for American children has been opened, and in the children's parade on Norway's Constitution Day—the 17th of May—the Stars and Stripes are carried next to the Norwegian flag. Because of increasing traffic from the United States, the Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) operates a direct route between Stavanger and New York during the summer season. During the rest of the year Stavanger is easily reached by air via the SAS routes from New York to Bergen and Copenhagen.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Stavanger is an attractive marketplace which offers something of interest to everyone. It has a charming mixture of old world and bustling harbor life with fishing vessels, coastal steamers and ocean going ships alongside its quays. Facing the harbor is the main market selling flowers, fruit, vegetables and live fish from large tanks. A statue of one of Stavanger's greatest sons, the author, Alexander Kielland, (1849-1906), overlooks the market. In the shopping district surrounding the market there are shops of every kind in gay and quaint narrow streets.

Industry employs about 45% of the working population of Stavanger. The most important branches of the economy are the canning industry and the shipbuilding industry, catering to a world market. Besides fruits and vegetables from the rich farmland

By Bjorgvin Sigurdson

The third annual meeting of the Leif Eiriksson Icelandic Club was held in the Cambrian Heights Community Association Building on March 23. The meeting was advertised as the annual meeting to be followed by an informal social evening. The attendance was rather disappointing, however about 35 members attended and, as this is one-third of the paid-up membership, I suppose one could not ask for much more.

The main business on the agenda was to elect and install officers for the 1974-75 fiscal year.

The president, Cliff Marteinson, reviewed the club's activities during the past year. Those activities were varied and, I feel, fairly impressive. Most of these have been reported in the Scandinavian Centre News before, so need not be enumerated again.

The secretary, Amy MacDonald, read the minutes of the last annual meeting, and after a brief discussion, were adopted "as read".

The treasurer, Bill Sigurdson, in his report, reported a bank balance of slightly over \$600.00. Kris Jannsson and Bjorgvin Sigurdson were appointed to audit the books. This has now been done and the books found "correct".

After a general discussion regarding membership fees, it was unanimously agreed to leave the fees as they are for at least another year.

The new executive elected and installed are:

PRESIDENT — Cliff Marteinson
VICE-PRES. — Edward Jonasson
SECRETARY — Thordis Gutnik
TREASURER — Bill Sigurdson
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There were also appointments as helpers and workers on the Cultural, Social, Refreshment and Telephone Committees.

After the meeting, refreshments were served and general

outside Stavanger, sardines from the North Sea constitute the main raw material for the canning factories. In the canning industry Chr. Bjelland & Co., world-famed for its King Oscar Sardines, ranks as No. 1 in Stavanger and in Norway.

Stavanger's largest single enterprise is the shipbuilder Rosenberg Mekaniske Verksted with 1,300 employees. The yard specializes in modern tankers and freighters and also constructs oil drilling rigs. In shipping, Stavanger has the third largest tonnage among Norwegian cities.

EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Traditionally, Stavanger is known as a regional cultural centre with excellent educational facilities. In addition to its well-developed primary and secondary school system there are a nautical school, a teacher's college, a business school and a training school for missionaries operated by the Norwegian Mission Society (Det norske Misjonsselskap). Stavanger also has one of Norway's new district colleges (distrikthøgskoler) offering courses at junior advanced levels.

A symbol of Stavanger's status

socializing, etc.

Congratulations to the Markerville group who had the initiative and energy to form, which I now believe to be, the youngest Icelandic Club in Canada—in the world, for that matter. Appropriately they named the club, "The Stephan G. Stephanson Club". We wish the club well in this undertaking, having met some of the members and other Markerville people, know the club will be a success and do a lot of good work in and for the community. Joe Johannson is president of the club.

Talking about Markerville, members from The Icelandic Clubs of Edmonton and Calgary met with members of the Markerville Club to discuss and plan for the "Islendingadagurinn" on or near June 17. The plan called for expansion in the day's activities and improved program in entertainment and sports with a public dance Saturday night. Am sure the day will be a success, so wait for further particulars, and plan to attend.

There has been progress made in acquiring the parcel of land on which Stephan G. Stephanson's homestead house stands. Al Arnason of the Edmonton Icelandic Club has been very active in this with a little help from yours truly and Joe Johannson of Markerville. The house stands on Edwin Stephanson's farm—Edwin is the grandson of the renowned poet. An agreement has been reached with Edwin to acquire title to a parcel of land on which the house stands. Edwin has been very cooperative in our dealings with him and interested in the project. The project is to try to interest the Historic Sites Branch in declaring this piece of ground an historic site, and to do the necessary repairs to the house, which is in rather bad shape. But before the Historic Sites people could be approached it was necessary to have title to the land on which the house stands.

It would not be appropriate to say any more about this now as Al still has some minor details to iron out and will report when this has been accomplished.

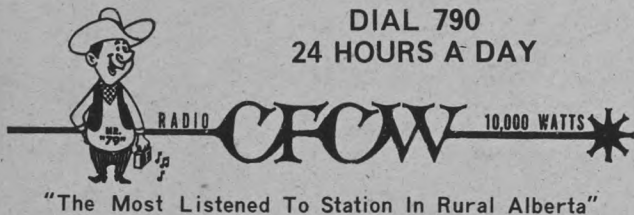
Our sincere sympathy to Vince Smith, whose mother, Jenina Einerson, passed away recently. □

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letter of Feb. 25, 1814, from a citizen of Bergen:

"Inspired by the most sincere desire to be of use to my native land, I hope that the Congress will not take it amiss when I take it upon myself with all due honor and respect to transmit to You herewith the Laws of the United States of North America, which I acquired during my visit to the said country and from which it would please me greatly to think that You might extract something which would serve to the future good of our dear Norway."

It is characteristic that when a son was born to Christian Magnus Falsen on May 19, 1814, the father decided to name him Georg Benjamin Falsen—Georg for George Washington and Benjamin for Benjamin Franklin.

Strongest of the ideals on which the Constitution is based is the principle of the sovereignty of the people. All powers of the state have the people as their only source, and in recognition of this basic idea the Eidsvoll Fathers accorded the people itself, through its elected representatives, the decisive authority and gave the power of legislation, taxation and appropriations to the national legislature, the Storting. From 1814 to this day this principle has been at the very core of the Constitution. Norway's constitutional history represents the growing realization of the concept of the will of the people as the supreme norm in all affairs of state. Corollary to this principle, the Constitution provides for the equally intrinsic guarantees of freedom and equality, of justice for all and of human rights.

THE CHANGING CONSTITUTION

The Storting emerged victorious from a long conflict between King and Parliament during the 19th century. The formal expression of this victory was a new statute making the validity of decisions by the King dependent upon the counter-signature of the Prime Minister. At the same time the parliamentary system was introduced requiring the King to obey the will of the Storting in the choice of his government.

The rules concerning the composition of the Storting have undergone similar changes. Universal suffrage for men and women was adopted, and the introduction of proportional representation and other changes in the election laws have all served the purpose of making the Storting the best possible expression of the will of the people.

One hundred and sixty years have gone by since the Constitution was completed. Norway had little wealth in 1814 and Norwegians lacked ability, knowledge and experience in almost every field. Today, Norway is an industrialized country and highly developed welfare society with a democratic system of government. Today's Norwegians do not underestimate the importance of the Constitution in this development. At a moment of dire need and great danger, Norway gave itself a free constitution while a militant reactionary spirit was rife in Europe—and at a time when the Norwegian people were in fact far from ready for such a far-reaching democratic form of government. Before the Eidsvoll Fathers parted, they stood hand in hand and solemnly swore to remain faithful and united "until the Dovre mountains shall fall". To them, Dovre was the rock of ages, abiding and unchangeable. In reality, it is unlikely that any of the Founding Fathers had a clear realization of the far-reaching

effects of their decisions.

It is the glory of Norway's Constitution that it is celebrated on May 17 each year by the whole people, despite political differences. The Eidsvoll Constitution remains the yardstick against which, even today, Norwegians measure their solidarity, strength, obligations and rights. □

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ANNIVERSARY**February 12, 1963**

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June 20, 1964

The Centre Officially Opened.

And so with the opening of the Centre, the idea of the radio broadcasters was fulfilled—a meeting place, a social Centre for Scandinavians was provided. It is a beehive of activity—socials, folk-dancing, meetings and many other activities.

The second objective of the Centre was formulated at the official opening when two pioneers—Mr. Emil Skarin and Mr. Gustav Algot laid the cornerstone. The plaque on that cornerstone reads:

"DEDICATED TO THE SCANDINAVIAN PIONEERS OF WESTERN CANADA. — June 20, 1964."

It is hoped that an Anthology of "Scandinavian Pioneers" will be published from the pioneer stories appearing in the *Scandinavian Centre News* from month to month. Imaginative directors will no doubt find other ways to honor our Scandinavian pioneers to whom we owe so much.

The third objective is to assist Scandinavians to make a greater contribution to Canadian Culture of what is good in the background and culture of Scandinavia. Scandinavians have made a great contribution in most fields of activity—discovery and exploration, industry, the arts, and in politics. The present generation must be encouraged to develop their talents to the full, and thus help to make Canada the richest culture in the world. For this reason the "Cultural Activities Committee" was formed. The Centre hopes that, as years go by, this activity will assume greater and greater importance, so that it will become a truly great Cultural Centre. At the present time this objective is expressed best in the *Scandapades* production staged each year in the Jubilee Auditorium.

Money was needed to reach the objectives of the Centre. Through the years, shares of \$50.00 were sold to raise the capital needed. From the beginning it was a difficult task because Scandinavians were reluctant to invest in what seemed such an uncertain venture. It was therefore that a series of share-selling campaigns were organized. When the Centre was opened at an approximate cost of \$150,000, all but \$40,000 had been raised through share-selling. The Centre has been paid for for many years now, and it has a substantial bank account.

Because of a "pay-as-you-go" policy, the Centre has no financial worries.

Through the years, it has been a policy at all Annual Meetings to elect directors, so that all five national groups will have fair representation on the Board of 11 directors (originally there were 15). At the organization meeting, following the Annual Meeting each year, the position of President is rotated within the five groups.

The following is a list of the presidents and the terms they served:

1. Sigurd A. Sorenson — Oct. 4, 1953 - Feb. 10, 1955
2. Mons. N. Eliasson — Feb. 10, 1955 - Feb. 24, 1956
3. Earl K. Hansen — Feb. 24, 1956 - Feb. 28, 1957
4. John Rama — Feb. 28, 1957 - Feb. 28, 1958
5. Knut L. Svidal — Feb. 28, 1958 - Feb. 24, 1959
6. G. A. Larson — Feb. 24, 1959 - Feb. 13, 1960
7. Art Andersen — Feb. 23, 1960 - Feb. 28, 1961
8. John Rama — Feb. 28, 1961 - Feb. 27, 1962
9. Knut L. Svidal — Feb. 27, 1962 - Feb. 19, 1963
10. Harold Markstrom — Feb. 19, 1963 - Feb. 17, 1964
11. Sigurd A. Sorenson — Feb. 17, 1964 - Feb. 23, 1965
12. I. E. Johnson — Feb. 23, 1965 - Feb. 22, 1966
13. Helge Ramsing — Feb. 22, 1966 - Feb. 28, 1967
14. William G. Halldorson — Feb. 28, 1967 - Feb. 27, 1968
15. Paul Karvonen — Feb. 27, 1968 - Feb. 28, 1970
16. Ellsworth Halberg — Mar. 1, 1970 - Feb. 28, 1971
17. Gunnar Thorvaldson — Mar. 1, 1971 - Feb. 29, 1972
18. Claus Jacobsen — Mar. 1, 1972 - Feb. 28, 1973
19. Soren Sorensen — Mar. 1, 1973 - Feb. 28, 1974
20. Harvey Haugen — Mar. 1, 1974 -

The Centre salutes and honors all the above presidents for the leadership they have given to the development of the Centre. But leaders must have helpers. The following is a complete list of Directors who have served faithfully and given unstintingly of their time to make the Centre a reality. (They meet every second Tuesday of each month.)

PAST DIRECTORS

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Sigurd A. Sorenson was first President of the Centre. Thorvald (Tom) Nielsen was the Centre's first Manager who was very proud to serve for the first five years.

The Centre fits very well into

A History of the West Canada District of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

By Holger N. Madsen

CHAPTER II**THE PEOPLE OF THE LAND**

... take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts. (Haggai 2:4)

Lest the reader come to the conclusion that Dickson was the only place in Alberta where there was any activity amongst the Danish Lutherans, let us hasten to say that this was not the case. But Dickson was definitely the first established congregation of the UDELCA*, as well as being the first Danish Colony in Alberta. From the material available it seems quite likely that the activity in Dickson had received a great deal of publicity among the Danish people in the United States. In his memoirs, S. P. Lonneberg writes as follows concerning his arrival in Dickson from Chicago in 1906:

We could scarcely believe our eyes when after a very strenuous journey we finally stopped in front of the post-office. Could this really and actually be the widely publicized Dickson? It was nothing but a primitive log cabin, roofed with sod from which grew a great variety of tall weeds. Their varying heights produced an almost eerie effect.

But despite the fact that we were used to a large city, we had to realize that we were now pioneers.(1)

Yes, they were the pioneers in Dickson, and it is obvious that other Danes learned from the mistakes of this initial venture in the Northwest.

The first lesson which had been

*United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1896-1945.

(1) Dickson Koloniens Historie, Et Mindeskrift om vore Pionerer. Samlet af en komite. Udgivet af Bethania Lutherske menighed, med henblik paa Koloniens forestaanende Jubilæumsfest. (Blair, Nebraska: Lutheran Publishing House, 1948), p. 19. Hereafter referred to as Dickson. (dt—Danish translation)

the Edmonton Community. Most Canadians of all national origins patronize the Centre. Through the years, the Centre has participated in many community activities. For many years the floats in the mammoth Klondike parades have won top prizes; and for many years the Scandinavian Booth at the Exhibition grounds has been a popular rendezvous.

But where is the Scandinavian Centre going from here? What is the next big step in its development? Those who still dream, see a large "Valhalla Hall of Fame" in the Viking tradition. Artistically placed around the walls would be portraits of famous Scandinavians with brief biographies. A huge fireplace at one end! A winding staircase leading to the upper floor. And the finest "Smorgasbord" restaurant in the City of Edmonton. The lower floor would be the recreational area, the area of salons for each of the Nordic countries. In the complex somewhere should be a library, a Scandinavian Import Shop, a swimming pool and beautiful landscaping, typical of Scandinavia. Yes, it could develop into a cozy Scandinavian Village in the Edmonton area.

(This history of the Scandinavian Centre was originally written by Sigurd A. Sorenson, now Honorary President of the Centre, and updated by Tom Nielsen.) □

learned by those who came later was that land scouts should not be sent out to survey new territory in Western Canada in the dead of winter. Therefore, in the spring of 1909, three men left Elk Horn, Iowa, in search of an area that would be suitable for farming. Having travelled to several parts of the province, they were favorably impressed with an area (now known as Standard) which lay about 70 miles east of Calgary.(2)

These land scouts had previously visited Dickson.(3) It is recorded that they were convinced that the Standard area was much more desirable. Not only were there no trees which had to be cleared from the good soil, but the C.P.R. had promised that a railway would be built if the area was settled.(4) This was entirely different from the conditions which had existed in Dickson where the settlers had had to clear the heavily wooded land and to drain the swamps.(5)

In a little booklet written about the founding of the Standard Colony, Jens Rasmussen writes as follows:

My favorable report on conditions in Canada had caused Mr. J. Myrthu of Elk Horn to want to go there. It appears that he had purchased a piece of land near Dickson at the time, and that he regretted it afterward. When I made my second trip to Canada in March of the following year (1909), he accompanied me with a view to recovering his investment. Mr. O. P. Larsen of Elk Horn also made the trip with us.

On the train en route we made the acquaintance of a representative of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The man was a total stranger to us. When he had learned of my efforts to find land suitable for the founding of a Danish colony he told us of a tract some fifteen miles north of Gleichen, Alberta, which he recommended to us for our purpose. We agreed to look it over. Consequently we left the train at Strathmore from where we, on the following day, were taken out to the tract in question. After having sized up the contours of the land and examined the soil in various places, we called on some of the farmers who lived near Gleichen to learn what their experience had been, and what they thought of future prospects.

We now boarded the train for Calgary where C.P.R. headquarters was located. Here we arranged for the preliminary reservation of 17,000 acres on which to found a Danish colony. Myrthu and I selected each a quarter section near the centre of the reserved area—with the provision, however, that should we fail to interest our countrymen, we were to have our money back. We had no desire to settle there alone. There should be a goodly number within a reasonable time, so we might be able to organize a congregation and build a church. We also took care to secure the

(2) The Story of Our Church, 50th anniversary bulletin of Nazareth Lutheran Church, Standard, Alberta, May 14, 1961. Hereafter referred to as Nazareth.

(3) Jens Rasmussen, History of the Standard Colony From Its Birth (no publisher, 1943), p. 6.

(4) Ibid.

(5) Dickson, p. 5. (dt)

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Company's promise to put a railroad through the settlement not later than 1911. This promise was faithfully kept. By autumn of 1910 most of the grading was finished to the point where the town of Standard later was built; and along in the summer of 1911 I received my first carload of coal over the new railroad.(6)

This venture was apparently an immediate success, for it is recorded that:

Thirty-two men from various sections of the United States came to investigate the area further, and twenty-eight of them bought land.(7)

Some of these early buyers of land may have lost their desire to pioneer after they returned to the United States, but others were certainly in earnest about the whole thing. For in the spring of 1910, seven families brought all their possessions and settled down with the vision of making the place into a Danish colony.(8) Since there was no lack of either water or fuel (coal), other settlers were not far behind the first vanguard.(9)

The desire of these first settlers to make this an exclusive Danish settlement is verified by the fact that they chose to call their colony "Dana". But due to the fact that there was already one town by that name, northeast of Saskatoon, the name was soon changed to Standard.(10)

Most of the early settlers in the Standard area came from Elk Horn, Iowa,(11) but there were also some from Council Bluffs and Audubon.(12) Elk Horn was the large Danish settlement in the United States in which the first Danish Christian High School was started in 1878.(13) It was also the area in which one of the first congregations of the Danish Lutheran Church in America had its beginning in 1875.(14) Furthermore, in opposition to the Danes who held to the Grundtvigian theology, the Elk Horn Church separated itself from the Danish Church in 1894, and formed a Missionary Society. This Society came to be known as the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or the North Church. Its theological emphasis was inner mission. Two years later, in 1896, this group joined forces with the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Association in America, commonly known as the Blair Synod. The church body which arose out of this merger became known as the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.(15)

Coming from a settlement such as Elk Horn, where the Christian church had played such a leading role in the life of the community, it would be strange indeed if some of the religious fervor did not migrate to the new land. It did.

In the year of 1910, when the first families were struggling to establish new homes in Standard, they did not neglect their spiritual nourishment. Sunday services were held in the different homes. These services centred around a book of Danish sermons which one of the pioneers had brought

along.(16) Although the building of a church was some years away, the congregation was organized in 1911. That memorable day is recorded as follows:

Following is a translation in brief of the minutes from the organization meeting: The Nazareth Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded on May 14, 1911. Present at the meeting were the president of the UDELIC, Rev. G. B. Christensen of Audubon, Iowa, and the president of the North Dakota District, Rev. J. J. Kildsig of Kenmore, North Dakota. Fifty-one persons became charter members. Of these, thirty - one were adults.(17)

Not only did this new congregation not have any church; they didn't have a pastor either. Nor was there one in the immediate vicinity. But they were aware of the fact that if they were to grow, they would have to secure a pastor. Various ways and means were tried to interest a pastor in this new colony. The one which especially caught my attention was the one recorded by Jens Rasmussen:

A 4th of July celebration was held at Standard in 1911. On this occasion, Rev. Brede Johansen was among us. We had asked him to come and be our pastor; and now he was here to look things over. It seems he was inclined to accept the call, but his wife disliked moving, and he finally declined.(18)

When this attempt failed, the congregation decided to build a parsonage so that they would have at least a place for a pastor to live. In 1911 a parsonage was built, and a school was also constructed, so that there would be a building in which to hold services when once they were to receive a pastor.(19) In early August of 1912, Rev. J. K. Jensen of Denmark, Wisconsin, was extended a call which he accepted.(20) Existing evidence, indicates that, although a church building fund was started in 1913, no definite plans were made for building until April 4, 1917.(21) But once the plans were laid, it did not take long before the church was built; it was completed and put into use the same year.(22)

There were now two specifically Danish settlements in Alberta, Dickson and Standard, with established congregations. In Calgary, there was also a great gathering of Danes, although not in a specific community. In the early part of the century, Calgary was the main stopping off place for many would-be homesteaders. To others, it was their supply centre.(23) Many others who had come west with the intention of homesteading had become absorbed in the commercial activities of this throbbing city in the foothills of the Rockies.

When Bethany congregation of Dickson decided in 1911 to send their pastor to minister to their fellow countrymen in Calgary,(24) he discovered a large potential.(25) But from all indications, the majority of these early Danes in Calgary were not too greatly interested in forming a congregation of believers. It is recorded that:

On January 1, 1913, with a view to beginning a Danish Evangelical Church in Calgary, on a motion by Anders Georgesen, the following ten people decided to form a congrega-

tion, thus becoming the nucleus for the present Sharon Church.(26)

It is apparent that despite the few Danes present at the first organizational meeting, those who were there were quite determined to proceed with their new venture. In April of the same year the little group applied for membership in the UDELIC, and they were accepted.(27)

Even though they had established themselves as a congregation with synodical affiliation, growth was far from rapid for the Sharon congregation. They had no pastor, nor were they to have a resident one for the first ten years of their existence. Their services consisted of one formal service each month, conducted at first by Pastor Magnussen from Dickson, and later by Pastors Jensen and Hansen from Standard.(28) On the other Sundays of the month the services were conducted by laymen, who read a sermon and led in hymn singing.(29) Despite the fact that they did have service of a sort every Sunday, progress was far from being encouraging. As is stated in the 50th Anniversary booklet of Sharon Church:

During those first years the work went very slowly, with neither church nor resident pastor, and it was quite difficult to hold the congregation together. Growth was slow and many of the people preferred to attend services in English language churches, rather than these laymen services.(30)

Although the work in Calgary had been initiated by the Dickson congregation and its pastor, it was later turned over to the Standard congregation. Rev. Jensen of Standard was officially asked by the North Dakota District to be a missionary to the Danes in Calgary.(31)

Having been relieved of its responsibilities in Calgary, the Dickson congregation reached out to its fellow countrymen closer at hand. Twenty miles east, and the same distance south, was a settlement called Olds in which a number of Danes had put down their roots. The first service remembered among the Danish Lutherans at Olds was a baptism service in 1912.(32) In his memoirs of Dickson, S. P. Lonneberg mentions the fact that Rev. Gundesen ministered on occasion to the Danes at Olds.(33) Although Gundesen retired in 1909, he still lived on his farm in Dickson,(34) and it is possible that he served Olds despite his retirement. In the history of Olds congregation it is noted that:

The first pastor to regularly serve Olds from Dickson was Rev. Gundesen. He supported himself by farming and at the same time was the regular pastor. Once a month summer and winter, he walked the 20 miles from Dickson to Innisfail, where he boarded a train and arrived at Olds for a week-end.(35)

Gundesen might have been the "regular pastor" at Olds, but after 1909 he was not the regular pastor at Dickson. Statistical records verify this.(36) However, it is recorded that Rev. Magnussen came but rarely to Olds.(37) This then would seem to be the logical

(26) Fiftieth Anniversary of Sharon Lutheran Church, 1913-1963, Calgary, Alberta (no publisher), p. 2. Hereafter referred to as Sharon.

(27) Ibid.

(28) Jensen letter, op. cit., p. 1.

(29) Sharon, p. 2.

(30) Ibid.

(31) North Dakota, p. 14.

(32) P. M. Jorgensen, A History of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1907-1961, Olds, Alberta (unpublished brochure), p. 1.

(33) Dickson, p. 20. (dt)

(34) Jensen letter, op. cit., p. 1.

(35) Jorgensen, op. cit., p. 3.

(36) Jensen letter, op. cit., pp. 1-2.

(37) Jorgensen, op. cit., p. 3.

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explanation for Gundesen's activity at Olds during Magnussen's tenure in Dickson, 1909-1914.(38)

During the next 11 years, up to 1923, Olds continued to be served once a month by the pastors from Dickson. The Olds congregation did not expand in these years beyond the point when a private home could no longer accommodate

the worshippers.(39) Either the Danes were few in number, or their interest in spiritual things was small. Both of these factors, together with the fact that they were able only to have monthly services, probably contributed to the slow development of this now thriving congregation.

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(38) Jensen letter, op. cit., p. 2.

(39) Jorgensen, op. cit., p. 3.

(6) Rasmussen, op. cit., pp. 8-9.

(7) Nazareth.

(8) Rasmussen, op. cit., p. 8.

(9) Ibid., p. 11.

(10) Ibid., p. 15. Cf. P. C. Jensen, "History of the North Dakota District of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A Brief Account of the First 30 Years (Danish Period)," first chapter in A History of the North Dakota-Montana District of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1901-1960, p. 13. Edited by E. H. Nielsen. Hereafter referred to as North Dakota.

(11) Ibid.

(12) Rasmussen, op. cit., p. 11.

(13) William E. Christensen, Saga of the Tower (Blair, Neb.: Lutheran Publishing House, 1959), p. 50.

(14) Ibid., p. 38.

(15) Ibid., p. 46.

(16) Rasmussen, op. cit., p. 20.

(17) Ibid., p. 19. Cf. Nazareth.

(18) Rasmussen, op. cit., p. 20.

(19) Ibid.

(20) Ibid., p. 24. Cf. Nazareth. Cf. P. C.

Jensen, UELC Synodical historian, letter to H. Madsen, January 26, 1964, p. 2.

(21) Nazareth.

(22) Rasmussen, op. cit., p. 22.

(23) North Dakota, p. 15.

(24) Dickson, p. 37. (dt)

(25) Ibid. Cf. North Dakota, p. 13.